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the receipt of your cablegram directing me to "require compliance with article 5, paragraph 3, foreign," a circular letter was sent to the steamship companies to that effect.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Reports from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 15, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the following report of the transactions at this port for the week ended Tuesday, May 14, 1901, inclusive:

May 8, Norwegian steamship *Colombia*, Hertzberg, master; crew, 17; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala.; Norwegian steamship *Simon Dumois*, Nieuwjaar, master; crew, 15; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala. May 11, Norwegian steamship *Kitty*, Mortinsen, master; crew, 19; no passengers; for New Orleans, La.; Norwegian steamship *Yumuri*, Engbretsen, master; crew, 16; no passengers; for Mobile, Ala.

The health conditions remain excellent. Very little malarial fever is reported by local practitioners; the occasional rains render the temperature very agreeable.

I inclose herewith a report of the premises disinfected under the supervision of Dr. C. G. Probert, physician to the United Fruit Company, at this place. Mention was made of this in my report of April 10.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April 15, 1901.*

SIR: During the last week in March I personally attended to the fumigation and disinfection of all premises in Bocas del Toro, from which cases of yellow fever had been reported in the year 1900, to wit: One room in the merchandise department, United Fruit Company; rooms 5, 7, and 11, Cosmopolitan Hotel; 1 room in the house occupied by the American Café; 2 rooms in the Barrows' house; room 2 in the Clerici Block, and rooms occupied by Dr. Blackburn. The latter were fumigated under the supervision of Dr. Blackburn.

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COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *May 16, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report:

Cleared, May 10, steamship *Holstein*, Mayerhof, master; for New Orleans. Cleared, May 11, steamship *Venus*, Jargensen, master; for New Orleans. Cleared, May 16, steamship *Olympia*, Seiders, master; for New Orleans.